

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
January 8, 2020

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 3/4
Don McCormick 3/4
Kay Tvaroch 4/4
Debra Anlauf 4/4
Erick Toth 3/4
Maria Greenberg 3/4
Fred Pazona 4/4

Present

William Dryburgh
Don McCormick
Kay Tvaroch
Debra Anlauf
Erick Toth
Fred Pazona

Absent

None

County Representatives

Joseph, Tiseo, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Director
Tina Powell, Natural Resources Manager
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant Sr.

Guests

Ruth Ward
William Keller
Judy Ott

- Chairman William Dryburgh welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting.
- Roll Call
- Minutes
Motion to approve the 2019 December Minutes made by Don McCormick, 2nd by Debra Anlauf and was unanimously approved.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Annual Elections
 - Motion to approve William Dryburgh for the 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman made by Don McCormick 2nd by Maria Greenberg and was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Maria Greenberg as Vice Chairperson by Fred Pazona, 2nd by Debra Anlauf and was unanimously approved.

- Division Reports – November 2019
No issues

- Old Business

- **Manchester Waterway**

Tommy Scott gave an update stating FDEP emailed stating this consideration would have to come through the Governor's Cabinet to make these changes and that this approval is unlikely to receive support based upon the State and Governors position on land conservation and management of natural resources.

- Debra Anlauf shared an update that she has spoken with Dr. Iglehart and was told that the timing is not good now due to elections in November, but after that time it would be something that they could review again and possibly move forward.

Tommy Scott asked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board) of if they should remove the Manchester Waterway from "Old Business" discussion on the Agenda until after the election or when Debra Anlauf receives future updates, everyone agreed to remove it from discussion until further updates were available.

Commissioner Tiseo asked if the Melbourne Street property letter was executed and sent to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Tommy Scott responded that William Dryburgh and himself would follow-up and get the letter sent to the BCC.

- New Business

- I. **Water Quality Presentation** – Dr. William "Coty" Keller gave a presentation emphasizing the five essential elements to effectively manage Charlotte County's waterways and water quality. 1. Water Quality Monitoring & Reporting 2. Wastewater Management 3. Storm water Management 4. Supplemental Resource Management 5. Education & Awareness.

- Fred Pazona said he believes this to be a State problem and not a County problem and added, that even if we had an unlimited budget to fix this issue, if the surrounding counties continue to do nothing and are not on board to fix the problem, the pollution will continue in Charlotte County.
 - Don McCormick agreed it is a State-wide problem, but explained what Coty Keller has identified that there are specific things that can be done in Charlotte County that will improve the situation and that there has to be a specific person/or department assigned to examine the water atlas, we must work with our friends and neighbors for this to work.
 - Commissioner Tiseo informed the Board that the BCC does have a program in place called the Blue Water Policy and is committed to this issue. The BCC just recently unanimously approved to increase the funding of the Coastal Heartland National Estuary Program (CHNEP) organization because the BCC is committed to the Blue Water strategy and an organization that monitors the estuary.

Commissioner Tiseo also noted that all the talking points of Mr. Keller's presentation are all currently being addressed and the BCC has directed staff to pull together all the different water monitoring that's currently being done to figure out what role we play for the county and community to look at the information already out there, and additionally what gaps need to be filled through a funding source that Charlotte County can fill to get water quality standards, monitoring and reporting to where we think it needs to be.

- Tommy Scott explained that at the direction of the BCC we do have a task force in place made up of members of our Utility Department, Public Works Department, Building Department and our staff working towards the initiative of one water, which collectively looks at all the different ways water gets into our system and how we monitor it. Also noted was that one of our staff members Betty Staugler is the State Representative in Washington DC working on the monitoring of harmful algae blooms as they relate to SW Florida specifically and entire system as a whole.

Additionally, Mosaic will be coming in February to give an updated report of what is going on upstream from Charlotte County, also in March Mosaic will be giving a presentation to the BCC, where members will be able to comment and ask questions.

II. Capital Maintenance Program – Tina Powell gave a presentation informing the Board on the Capital Maintenance Plan for fiscal year 2020 and the projects that have been being worked on over the last couple years and how funds were used.

Full assessments were done in 2018 on fishing piers, boardwalks and docks and we are now working with a consultant to identify any safety issues and addressing them with this year's funds to stay on a preventative maintenance level rather than reactionary. Also, with this year's funds we will be doing a full assessment on boat ramps and seawalls. Some of the building projects currently being addressed at parks are restroom renovations, ballfield irrigation, shade at playgrounds, court and field resurfacing and replacing the gym floor at South County Regional Park.

The football field and tennis courts at Franz Ross Park will be updated LED sports lighting. Exotic invasive vegetation will be the focus at Harold Avenue Park. Small equipment will be replaced at various parks including gator utility vehicles, water heaters, ice machines, and some equipment at the Event Center.

A full assessment was done on County parking lots by the Facilities Department and they will be addressing resurfacing them from a prioritized list.

Playgrounds have all been replaced over the past few years, so this year's funds will go towards adding shade structures to the playgrounds.

Acid washing and replacing pool and deck equipment is being done at our Pools and splashpads.

- Sports Council Update by Erick Toth
No meeting held in December
- Member Issues
 - Don McCormick asked when O'Donnell Boulevard will be changing to Centennial Park Boulevard now that the North Charlotte Regional Park has been renamed Centennial Park. Tommy Scott answered, it will probably be February when the BCC will hear and consider the renaming of O'Donnell Boulevard.
 - Kay Tvaroch brought up concerns of youth hanging around the restrooms and being disrespectful at Englewood Beach and asked about having some authority present to monitor situation. Tommy Scott replied that this tends to happen when schools are on holiday or summer breaks and comes to an end when they go back to school, but law enforcement is aware.
 - Kay Tvaroch asked what the status was of tax money going towards the hockey rink at Tringali Park. Tommy Scott gave an update stating Community Organizations will present items to the 2020 1% local option sales tax. Citizens Advisory Committee at the end of January for renovations and repairs, by summer it will be bought in front of the BCC.
 - Fred Pazona brought up the upcoming Ambassador Program in February and March and asked that members of the Board volunteer, because it is a great program.
 - Don McCormick asked about the entrance to the new Punta Gorda Charlotte Library in which there was a conflict with pedestrians and automobiles. Tommy Scott gave an update that Mike Koenig, Resource Manager and David Lyles from Risk Management had a site meeting and they are considering signage to delineate walkways and signs for vehicles using the book drop.
 - William Dryburgh shared his experience at the Community Services Team Building event he attended on December 5th. The event was very well planned-out and a lot of fun.
- Directors Report
 - Tommy Scott gave updates on events happening, including the Snowbird Classic Baseball Tournament which will start February 7th with 65 division 1 & 3 teams that will be here through the end of March. Spring Training will be starting with pitchers and catchers reporting February 12th, position players on the 18th and the first game on the 23rd.

The Centennial Park Ribbon Cutting will be held on January 9th at 2:30pm.

Tommy Scott addressed a question that had come up regarding the fishing pier at Bayshore. The new boardwalks that go underneath US41 from Live Oak Point Park over to Bayshore Park have now been permitted start on the January 14th putting in Americans with Disabilities compliant (ADA) fishing areas.

- Citizens Input
- Announcement
None
- Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Joe Tiseo, District 5
Raymond Sandrock, County Administrator
Hector Flores, Deputy County Administrator